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FOR: COMPOSITE OXIDE, PROCESS  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME,  
CATALYST FOR PURIFYING EXHAUST  
GAS, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Discussion of the Amendment** begins on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.